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SUBJ: PRESS REPORT OF THREATENED RENEWAL OF IRA VIOLENCE

1. DUBLIN PRESS JULY 7 CARRIED REPORTS THAT PROVISIONAL IRA HAS THREATENED TO RESUME ITS CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE UNLESS BRITISH GOVERNMENT MOVES SOON TOWARD DECLARATION OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM NORTHERN IRELAND. STORY QUOTES A SOURCE CLOSE TO PROVOS AS SAYING THAT ORGANIZATION IS DISAPPOINTED AT LACK OF RESPONSE FROM BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO FIVE-MONTH-OLD TRUCE. ARTICLE SAYS THAT PROVISIONALS AGREED TO TRUCE FEBRUARY 10 IN EXPECTATION THAT BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND LOYALISTS WOULD TRY TO SET UP SOME FORM OF POLITICAL DIALOGUE WHICH WOULD BRING ABOUT PERMANENT SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS IN THE NORTH. ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY THAT PROVOS HAVE FOUND THAT TRUCE SO FAR HAS NOT LIVED UP TO EXPECTATIONS. OTHER VAGUE ALLEGATIONS OF BAD FAITH ON PART OF HMG AND LOYALISTS ARE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE.

2. SOURCE AT IRISH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHO FOLLOWS IRA MATTERS CLOSELY INFORMED US THAT GOI IS NOT ATTACHING ANY PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO REPORTED THREAT OF RENEWED VIOLENCE. SITUATION IS UNCLEAR, BUT SOURCE BELIEVES IT DOUBTFUL THAT PROVOS WOULD DELIBERATELY BREAK TRUCE AT THIS TIME. HE ALSO OBSERVED THAT NO SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL COMMENTATORS HAVE TAKEN

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LATEST REPORT SERIOUSLY. SOURCE OPINED THAT PROVOS' STATEMENT

PROBABLY REFLECTS INTERNAL PRESSURES IN BELFAST, AND IT IS POSSIBLY
DESIGNED TO APPLY PRESSURE TO KEEP UP RATE OF RELEASE OF DETAINEES.
GOI WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH SITUATION, BUT IS NOT ALARMED BY LATEST
REPORT.
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